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 SUBJECT: JULY 18 EU GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL - RWANDA

1. THE ISSUE OF RWANDA WAS ADDED TO THE AGENDA OF THE EU GENERAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GAC, FOREIGN MINISTERS), WHICH MET IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 18, AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRENCH. THE EU MEMBER STATES AGREED TO PROVIDE THE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION REGARDING THEIR INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNAMIR II WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK, BUT THE

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 MAIN GAC DISCUSSION INVOLVED AN EU FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN RELIEF.

2. PRESIDENT KINKEL SAID AT HIS CONCLUDING PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE COUNCIL HAD DECIDED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE EU FUNDS TO MATCH ROUGHLY THE 200 MECU (MILLION ECU) CONTRIBUTION WHICH HAD BEEN MADE SO FAR BY THE INDIVIDUAL EU MEMBER STATES. THE COMMISSION HAS 22.7 MECU AT ITS DISPOSAL WHICH IT WILL MAKE AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY. THE MAIN CONTRIBUTION OF 150 MECU (THREE

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MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS OF 50 MECU) IS PROPOSED TO COME FROM RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM LOME II, A SUPERSEDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EU AND ACP (AFRICAN, CARIBBEAN, AND PACIFIC) COUNTRIES. THIS WILL REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF THE ACP COUNTRIES, BUT COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT MARIN ASSURED THE GAC THAT HE WILL OBTAIN THEIR ASSENT WITHIN A WEEK.

3. COUNCIL PRESIDENT KINKEL NOTED TO THE PRESS THAT THE EU IS PREPARING TO PROVIDE AS MUCH EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO RWANDAN REFUGEES AS IT DOES TO EX-YUGOSLAVIA IN A YEAR, BUT THAT IS WARRANTED BY THE MAGNITUDE OF THE CRISIS. A BELGIAN SPOKEMAN SAID THAT THE EU ASSISTANCE EFFORT WILL BE CONCENTRATED ON THE REFUGEE CENTER AT GOMA, ZAIRE.

4. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE COUNCIL CONCLUSION:

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THE COUNCIL RECALLING THE DISCUSSION IN THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL IN BRUSSELS ON JULY 15, 1994 AND APPALLED AT THE UNCLASSIFIED

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SCALE OF HUMAN SUFFERING ARISING OUT OF THE RAPIDLY DETERIORATING REFUGEE SITUATION IN AND AROUND RWANDA

- NOTED THE REQUEST FROM UNHCR OF 50 MECU PER MONTH AND EXAMINED POSSIBLE WAYS OF PROVIDING ASSISTANCE OF SUCH A DIMENSION FOR A LIMITED PERIOD OF UP TO 3 MONTHS;
- MANDATED THE COMMISSION TO NEGOTIATE URGENTLY WITH THE ACP THE POSSIBILITY OF SUING SOME OF THE RESIDUAL FUNDS FROM THE 5TH AND 6TH EUROPEAN DEVELOPMENT FUND, WHICH AMOUNT TO 300 MECU, FOR HUMANITARIAN AID TO RWANDA;
- NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT THE COMMISSION WAS ABOUT TO ALLOCATE, IN ADDITION TO HUMANITARIAN AID PREVIOUSLY EXTENDED, A FURTHER AMOUNT OF 22.7 MECU FOR SHORT-TERM HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE;
- URGED MEMBER STATES TO CONTRIBUTE, IN ADDITION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION'S EFFORTS, WITH FURTHER BILATERAL HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE;
- INVITED MEMBER STATES TO TRANSMIT WITHIN THE NEXT WEEK INFORMATION ON THE SCOPE AND KIND OF ASSISTANCE WHICH

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THEY ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE TO FACILITATE THE EARLY
DEPLOYMENT OF UNAMIR II;

- INVITED MEMBER STATES TO NOTIFY IN THE COURSE OF THE
NEXT WEEK THE PRESIDENCY OF THEIR NATIONAL ASSISTANCE TO
RWANDA.

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